

Light Infantry, Grenadiers, Riflemen or Artillery in this State, be reduced to forty-four, inclusive of commissioned and non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

#### CHAPTER VII.

An act for the better organization of the militia of this State.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,*

All exempts  
to be enrolled.

That it shall be the duty of the several captains or commandants of militia companies in this State, to enroll and keep enrolled, on their muster rolls, all the exempts belonging to their respective companies, and who are exempt by law, from performing militia duty, only in time of invasion or insurrection.

No. of exempts  
to be returned to  
commandants of re-  
giments.

II. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of said captains or commandants to return the number of exempts in their annual returns to the commandants of regiments.

Commandants to  
make a like re-  
turn to the  
brigadier and  
adjutant genl.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of commandants of Regiments to make a like return of all exempts, in their respective regiments, in their annual returns to the brigadier and adjutant General, in the same manner as is prescribed by law, for making the said annual returns.

#### CHAPTER VIII.

An act to allow the taking of depositions in cases of removal.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,*

In cases of re-  
moval of any  
cause fr. one  
Co. to another  
depositions  
may be taken.

In cases of removal of any cause from the Superior Court of law of one county to another: that after the order of removal, depositions may be taken in the cause, and that commissions may issue from either of said Courts, under the same rules, as if the cause had been originally commenced in the Court from which the commission issues.

#### CHAPTER IX.

An act to prevent the unlawful asportation of slaves from this State.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,*

of any person  
shall unlaw-  
fully carry a-  
ny slave out  
of the state,  
or shall con-  
ceal, or other-  
wise aid in the  
same, they  
shall be deem-  
ed guilty of  
felony, and  
shall be at-  
tainable.

That if any person or persons, shall wickedly, willingly and feloniously carry, convey or conceal any slave or slaves the property of any citizen or citizens of this State, without the consent, in writing, of the owner or owners, his, her, or their guardian or guardians, of such slave or slaves, previously obtained, or shall feloniously, wickedly and willingly take, conceal, or permit or suffer the same to be done, with the intent and for the purpose of carrying and conveying such slave or slaves out of the limits of this State, with the intent and for the purpose of enabling such slave or slaves to effect an escape out of this State, every such person or persons, so carrying conveying or concealing, or so taking, concealing or causing or permitting the same to be done, with the intent as aforesaid, shall be taken and deemed to be guilty of felony, and shall suffer death without benefit of Clergy.